

Hatch was considering supporting. Bobby tracked him down in the hallway to share with him an anecdote about a zoo in Ohio that had requested a group of students with down syndrome leave because their presence was upsetting to the animals. Bobby explained to Senator Hatch that the fundamental discrimination these children faced was the same discrimination that people with HIV faced. In his sincere Bobby way, he was the perfect messenger and Senator Hatch ended up doing the right thing.

So on to the fun Bobby. Bobby and Lynne joined the Lowes Island County Club as it was a club without gender-based restrictions where Lynne could be the primary member and play golf anytime she wanted. The club was purchased by the Trump organization sometime later. Several times in that first year of the Trump presidency, Bobby would call, using that golf-tv announcer voice—to let me know that the President was on the 17th hole with a gazillion secret service agents—because I was in desperate need of this important information.

So, while I won't ever pick up the phone to "Hi, it's Bobby" again, I will carry him in my heart for all the days of my life. And I will always ask myself in a tough situation, what would Bobby do? And I would ask you do to the same.

When someone treats you with disrespect or anger, think—What would Bobby do? He would try to find out why they are upset and to see if there is a way to reach consensus.

When life throws you a curve ball, think—What would Bobby do? He would analyze the problem from every angle, go back to his fundamental principles of right and wrong, and come up with a solution.

And finally, when you are having a really bad day, think—What would Bobby do? Know that he would envelop you in his love, patience, and generosity and move heaven and earth to support you. And if you do that for someone else, Bobby will be on your shoulder cheering you on.

I am the most grateful person on the planet to have had this incredibly intimate personal and professional relationship with Bobby Silverstein. Every day since his death last week, I've woken up crushed by sadness but overwhelmed with the joy that comes with being Bobby's friend. How can you think about Bobby and not smile? As I put one foot in front of the other, I will think about what would Bobby do, what would Bobby expect me to do, and how can I advance his legacy. It won't be easy, but Bobby showed us what's possible.

[Nov. 22, 2022]

EULOGY FOR BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

(By Ralph Neas)

For 35 years, I have been in awe of Bobby Silverstein. The reasons are many. High on my list, of course, are his notable and numerous professional accomplishments, especially his leadership role in the enactment of the historic Americans with Disabilities Act.

But my role today is to discuss primarily the personal and not the professional. I would like to share with you two episodes in my life that demonstrate why no one could have a better friend than Bobby Silverstein.

In early November of 2018, I was laying paralyzed on an I.C.U. bed at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. For the second time in my life, I had contracted Guillain Barre Syndrome, a rare and usually reversible autoimmune disorder that can sometimes lead to total paralysis and death.

After confining me to more than 100 days in hospital beds, the syndrome had struck most of my body, but not my lungs. However, it had become increasingly apparent, as breathing and talking became more difficult, that my lungs were its next target and a ven-

tilator might be necessary to increase my chances of survival.

At this critical moment, in walks Bobby, with his perpetual grin, his sense of humor, and his trademark optimism. He had learned from Katy that I was in really bad shape. Bobby correctly figured out that I probably needed a close friend to help Katy keep me company and my sanity. And very importantly be my advocate when necessary.

He sure got that one right. And no one was better qualified. Bobby understood how vital it was for a patient in my condition to communicate needs and participate in important decisionmaking. He realized that without augmentative and alternative communication devices, those goals would be impossible to achieve. Bobby and the hospital's alphabet chart became an incredible team. Thanks to them, my anxiety level dropped considerably.

But soon it was clear that if I were to live, I had to be put on a ventilator. Bobby was the last nonmedical person I saw before the medical procedure and the first one I saw as I regained consciousness. And Bobby and the alphabet chart remained my constant companions until I was out of the woods. Bobby had been the indispensable friend we all need when the stakes are the highest.

Fast forward four years: Bobby is battling cancer and my communications with him are by email or phone calls. I told Katy that I forever will owe Bobby "big time" for what he did for me in 2018. It was time for me to return the favor. I would visit him in person on a regular basis for as long as it took to get him better.

On November 5, I was on my way to the Silverstein home, armed with three bowls of chicken soup (of course) for Lynne, Bobby, and myself. While we waited for Lynne to return from an errand, Bobby and I sat on the porch, basking in the early fall sunlight and talking about everything: families, politics, sports, friends, and his tenacious battle to defeat pancreatic cancer.

An hour into our conversation, Bobby pivoted suddenly and dramatically to the strong possibility that pancreatic cancer might win. He made it abundantly clear that he would continue to fight the cancer with all his might, but he knew the odds were not in his favor. He just wanted me and everyone else to know that he was not afraid of dying. Indeed, if he died, he would die a happy man. He explained that he had lived a full life, experiencing all its joys, especially the love of his family and friends and his enormous love for them.

Bobby first talked about how wonderful it was to have been married to Lynne, the love of his life, for 51 years. Then he turned to Mark and Evan and how fabulous and loving they had been as sons and how they had married Steph and Christie, two remarkable and loving women. And to the surprise of no one in this room, Bobby shared with me for the millionth time, how spectacular it was to be the grandfather of Cyrus, Chloe, Jacob, and Bailey.

And yes, he did mention his professional career with a sense of pride in his accomplishments and the opportunities he had to help better the lives of countless Americans.

While Bobby talked, I realized that once again I was the one receiving another friendship gift. In his careful, diplomatic, and effective way, Bobby was making it clear that it is possible to achieve balance in one's personal and professional lives—with a lot of hard work, the willingness to compromise, and love.

As I drove home that day, I promised myself that no matter what life still had to offer, I would try to be more like Bobby. Once again, thank you, my dear friend.

HONORING MAYOR JOHN DUNBAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor John Dunbar in honor of his retirement and record eighteen years of service on the Yountville Town Council.

Mr. Dunbar is a native of Oakland, California and a graduate of the University of California, Davis. He moved to Yountville in 1998 and joined the Zoning and Design Review Board in 2003. In 2004, he was appointed to the Town Council and was elected to his first full term two years later. Mr. Dunbar was elected Vice Mayor of Yountville in 2008 and Mayor in 2010, 2014 and 2018. His 18 years on the Town Council and 12 years as Mayor are both record-long tenures.

Over the course of nearly two decades of public service, Mr. Dunbar has been a leading advocate for equality in the Napa Valley. In 2009, he authored the successful Yountville Equal Rights Resolution and in 2019, supported the raising of the Rainbow Flag in honor of Pride Month. In an effort to boost local interest in the arts, Mr. Dunbar helped found the Yountville Arts Commission and made countless investments in community programs.

As Mayor, Mr. Dunbar oversaw years of a balanced budget and remained committed to supporting local industry, wildfire prevention and affordable housing within the town of Yountville. He has also been a champion of climate change initiatives and conservation efforts. Outside of his local duties, Mr. Dunbar has represented Yountville within the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. For the 2019–2020 term, he became President of Cal Cities where he represented the state's almost 500 municipalities in both regional and national discussions on local government.

Mr. Dunbar is a member of many boards and organizations including the Napa County Climate Action Committee, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority, the Yountville Tourism Improvement District's Local Governing Committee and the Pathway Home nonprofit veteran treatment program. Since 2012, he has also served on the Napa Exposition and Fair Board.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Dunbar for his years of selfless service and commitment to the people of Yountville. His efforts have made the town a more welcoming, safe and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY AND COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, it has been more than two months since 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died alone in a hospital bed in Tehran.

Two days before her death, Amini had been arrested by the Iranian regime's "morality police." Her crime, in their eyes, was wearing a loose-fitting headscarf and tight-fitting pants. The Iranian regime claims that she died of a heart attack, but we know the truth: the police beat her to death.

The world has a tendency to look away from tragedies like Amini's. Stories like hers fade from the news cycle until they are forgotten or met with indifference. But when the Iranian people take to the streets every day to protest Amini's murder and demand fundamental rights, they make it impossible for the world to avert its gaze. By virtue of their courage, they force the world to bear witness. In the streets, protestors chant the inscription on Amini's tombstone: "Beloved Mahsa, you will not die. Your name will become a rallying call." And her name has become just that.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the brave women of Iran who are fighting for the right to live in freedom and dignity. I rise in support of the men standing alongside them who are demanding political rights and an end to theocratic rule. And I rise to solemnly recognize the terrible cost that the people of Iran are paying as they take to the streets. Security forces have killed hundreds of protestors, firing on them with live ammunition and beating them severely. Those caught up in mass arrests could face the death penalty.

The people of Iran are putting their lives on the line to demand fundamental freedoms. They suffer today in hopes of building a better tomorrow—for themselves, for their families, and for future generations. This is a profoundly noble effort that deserves not just our admiration, but also our support.

Those taking to the streets across Iran should know that we are watching them and that we are praying for them. And members of the Iranian regime should know that when a people truly yearn for freedom, and are willing to give their lives for it, their cause is a flame that will never go out.

RECOGNIZING RAY MUELLER
UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM
THE MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Ray Mueller who served on the Menlo Park City Council for ten years, two terms as mayor, as he is entering a new chapter in his public service career. Ray was just elected as the San Mateo County Supervisor for the 3rd District where he will undoubtedly continue his outstanding and dedicated service to the community.

Ray was first elected to the council in 2012. During his tenure he was always focused on improving the quality of life and safety of residents, the economy and the environment. As the father of two teenagers, Max, 16 and Elle, 12, he is particularly driven to work towards policies that will ensure the future of his and all children. He is married to his high school sweetheart Kristen Shima. I have known Ray for a decade and have always been impressed and inspired by his can-do attitude, resourcefulness, and optimism.

Ray is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and he received his JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He now works as an attorney in the emergency response and services sector. His legal acumen and analytical mind have certainly served the city of Menlo Park very well. Along with his council colleagues, he has been able to balance the city budget for eight consecutive years and to maintain the city's AAA bond rating since he was elected. He and the council have also saved taxpayers millions of dollars through smart policies.

Menlo Park, like the rest of the Bay Area, is plagued by a lack of affordable housing and traffic congestion. Ray has strongly advocated solutions for these interconnected issues. During his time on the council, Menlo Park adopted two housing elements. He was appointed and served on the State of California Tax Credit Allocation Committee which administers the federal and state low-income housing tax credit programs. Menlo Park set aside housing units with rental subsidies for teachers and other community-serving professionals in housing development approvals. Ray worked with Facebook to add housing units on its proposed campus expansion. During the pandemic, Menlo Park made \$100,000 available in grants for emergency rental housing assistance. Ray served on the board of LifeMoves, one of the largest homeless services providers in Silicon Valley.

He and his fellow council members also developed and approved a citywide Transportation Master Plan which focuses on traffic mitigation, safe routes to schools and across freeways, street resurfacing and sidewalks, and improved rail service.

Ray is particularly passionate about our youth. When he was mayor in 2019, he created a youth advisory commission. He launched an after school homework center at the Belle Haven Library bringing in skilled volunteers to provide one-on-one support. He also hosted several civics days at city hall and taught leadership classes at the Boys and Girls Club. During the pandemic, he reactivated childcare centers and transformed after-school programs into learning pods for distance learning.

Ray fully understands that without climate change mitigation our planet and the future of our youth hangs in the balance. In 2020, Menlo Park adopted its first Climate Action Plan. Four years prior, he voted to enroll all city facilities in ECO 100, a program that provides 100 percent renewable energy for city buildings, streetlights and charging stations. As mayor in 2014, Ray prioritized the formation of Menlo Park Spark to promote regional climate action policy. He is also a staunch defender of our open spaces and parks. Despite his extensive work hours as an attorney and council member, he manages to find time to volunteer for the San Mateo chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. An avid surfer himself, Ray has a deep love and respect for the awesome power of nature. He is currently taking a hiatus from the sport to allow a serious neck injury to heal.

Madam Speaker, I ask the Members of the House of Representatives to rise with me to thank Ray Mueller for his exemplary service on the Menlo Park City Council and to wish him continued success and stamina for his upcoming service on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. His contributions will keep shaping our beautiful county and coast.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN SMITH

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Smith for his service to Kentucky's Second District as my director of economic development for more than a decade.

Brian, a proud Western Kentucky University graduate, had served on my congressional team since I was first sworn into office in January 2009. Prior to joining my office, Brian had years of government service to Kentucky, including working for my predecessor, Congressman Ron Lewis, and former Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher. During Brian's first month in my congressional office, Brian helped lead my office's emergency response efforts after an ice storm hit Kentucky. He walked constituents through the FEMA process and directed them to federal resources to help with recovery.

In addition to covering Green and Hardin counties for my congressional office, Brian guided constituents through the federal grant process and handled issues related to federal agencies, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, USDA Rural Development, and HUD. Brian also proudly served as a liaison to Fort Knox, working with both civilian and military leaders.

Brian's extensive knowledge of Kentucky and passion for serving constituents made him a valuable asset to my team. I want to thank Brian for his service to Kentucky's Second District, and I wish him the best in the next chapter of his public service career.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CAREER ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of the International Career Advancement Program (ICAP). Founded and led by Prof. E. Thomas Rowe since 1997 at the University of Denver's Korbel School of International Affairs, ICAP's aim is to bring greater quality and diversity to the highest level of senior management and policy-making positions in international affairs. ICAP is one of the only programs in the United States dedicated to helping mid-career professionals from under-represented communities advance to senior positions in international careers. Each cohort since 1997 has been immersed in a week-long seminar in Aspen CO consisting of workshops and discussions designed to prepare participants to serve in senior management and policy roles.

Madam Speaker, to date, over 770 people have participated in the program and several ICAP Fellows have achieved the rank of United States Ambassador, serve as heads of NGOs, established their own non-profit organizations, and lead companies. The ICAP Fellows Association (ICAPFA) continues the mission of ICAP to offer its members mentorship, networking opportunities, and community service.